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- Amendment (47 pages)
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 Serial No. : 09/581,689
 For : DEVICE CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD
 Filed : June 19, 2001
 Examiner : SALTARELLI, Dominic D.
 Art Unit : 2611

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Total claims	121	Minus	121 =	0 x	\$ 33(25)	= \$0
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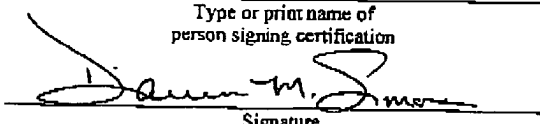
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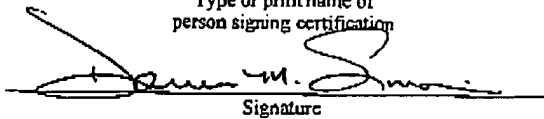
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action which issued September 30, 2005, please
consider the following amendment to the above-referenced application.